

## ELLSWORTH COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**May 21, 2018**

The Board of Ellsworth County Commissioners convened this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2018 at the Ellsworth County Courthouse.

***Members Present:***

*Albert W. Oller, 1<sup>st</sup> District Commissioner*

*Kermit Rush, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commissioner*

*Stephen S. Dlabal, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Commissioner*

### **OPENING BUSINESS:**

Chairman Rush called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Dlabal moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Dlabal moved to approve the Minutes for May 14, 2018. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Stacie Schmidt, Smoky Hill Development Executive Director and Billy Kryger, Pastor of the Smoky Hill Baptist Church in Ellsworth, were in attendance but did not wish to address the Commissioners.

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Sue Schlegel, Janie Essick and Duane Frederickson, representing Prairie Scenic Byway Committee**, updated the Commissioners on their efforts in the past and their plans for the future. In 2017, they had over 500 volunteer hours and distributed 4000 brochures of the Kansas Prairie Trail Scenic Byway. Their plans are to put up interpretative signage at points of interest along the byway.

**Alan Rusch, Ellsworth County Independent/Reporter**, inquired if Commissioners wanted to buy an ad in the newspaper's progress edition this year. Commissioners decided they wanted to pass this time.

**Michael Martinez, Bonnie Kralik & Nancy Stonebraker, representing Mosaic**, requested \$31,220 budget for 2019. Commissioner Oller questioned if they had spoken to OCCK about helping them out. OCCK helps individuals with intellectual disabilities in Salina and could not

provide them with any financial help. Mosaic has a shortfall in their budget even though they are very frugal with their funds.

**Anthony Hopkins & Malinda Cunningham, Ellsworth Area Chamber of Commerce,** unexpectedly acquired the Cowtown Celebration. After last year, the Cowtown Committee disbanded under the assumption the City was going to take care of Cowtown days. Mr. Hopkins asked if the Commissioners would donate \$1000 this year. Commissioner Oller expressed concern of this becoming a yearly donation. Mr. Hopkins said if we come back next year tell us “no”. Commissioner Dlabal made a motion to donate \$1000 to the Cowtown Celebration. Commissioner Rush seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1.

**Shawn Estrel, Environmental Services,** discussed with the Commissioners a violation on a sanitary code at the Kanopolis Lake. Mr. Estrel will inspect the property’s holding tanks and report back to the Commissioners. If the property owners have put laterals on property, they have endangered the health of everyone at the lake and residents who have water wells.

**Roger Masse, ECMC Administrator,** informed Commissioners that the physician they have been pursuing has given them a negative response on locating in Ellsworth. Christy Rohr, HIM Manager was selected for the Kansas Health Information Management Association Rising Star award.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Dlabal made a motion to amend the 2018 budget for the bond and interest fund. Commissioner Oller seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Rush adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

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Shelly D. Vopat, County Clerk

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